
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

June 3, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included Board policy, an FY14 budget update, the teacher evaluation system, Soldotna area schools grades 7-9, and proposed KPSAA handbook revisions.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS: Dr. Sylvia Reynolds gave a presentation regarding the Liberian Book Project, a program that provided transportation and funds to ship a supply of outdated Kenai Peninsula Borough School District textbooks (Triumphs and Treasures curriculum) to students in Liberia. She shared a PowerPoint presentation of photos from the project that included some of the schools and students visited. She presented the Board and District with a handmade, wooden plaque from these schools in Ganta Nimba County, Liberia.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater reported that, although the economy on the Peninsula is improving, student enrollment at the end of the 2012-2013 school is the lowest in over 20 years. He stated that he met with Borough Mayor Navarre to discuss funding options for needed capital projects (including remaining roofing projects), that the Borough plan to propose a bond to the public in October for approximately \$25 million, and noted that a related worksession and action item will be included in the Board's July regular meeting agenda. He discussed this year's summer school programs (which started today, June 3), and include an Extended School Year (ESY) for students with Individual Education Plans (IEP's), and credit recovery classes which are also available to students online. He announced that internet bandwidth will be doubled at Homer Flex School, Susan B. English School, Sterling Elementary, and Paul Banks Elementary. He thanked Mr. Tim Peterson for his service to the District and wished him well in retirement.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Mr. Jones reviewed the report of leases and agreements for the 2013-2014 school year.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Jones presented the financial report of the District for the period ending April 30, 2013

BUDGET TRANSFERS: The Board unanimously approved Budget Transfers #1374, in the amount of \$77,000 to upgrade PolyCom system capability; #1402, in the amount of \$268,000 to upgrade locks and doors at some schools, replace district office flooring, and for preliminary capital project design work; and #1430, in the amount of \$130,455 for the purchase of security camera software.

2012-13 LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved 2012-13 Long Term Substitute Contracts for Lourdes Link, Ninilchik School; Mary Marshall, West Homer Elementary School; and John Wensley, Mt. View Elementary School.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved Resignations for Rebecca Arness, 1st Grade Teacher, Sterling Elementary School; James Creel, Librarian, Kenai Middle School/Kenai Central High School; Helen Lindemuth, Librarian, Seward Elementary School; Amanda Miller, Special Education Resource Teacher, Fireweed Academy; and Monica Mullet, Kindergarten Teacher, Mountain View Elementary School.

2013-14 NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved 2013-14 New Teacher Contracts for Sara Erfurth, Language Arts/Drama Teacher, Soldotna High School; Andrea Murphy, US/World History and Government Teacher, Soldotna High School; Kristin Perkins, Primary Grade Teacher, Mt. View Elementary School; Ann Stone, Language Arts Teacher, Kenai Central High School; Lisa Thomas, Computer/At Risk/Credit Recovery Teacher, Skyview High School; and Amber Williams, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher/Title I Teacher, Sterling Elementary School.

2013-14 TENTATIVE NON-TENURED TEACHER CONTRACT AND TENURE: The Board unanimously approved a 2013-14 Tentative Non-Tenured Teacher Contract and Tenure for Ryan Miller, Teacher/Regular, Razdolna School.

2013-14 TENTATIVE NON-TENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved 2013-14 Tentative Non-Tenured Teacher Contracts for Holly Davis, Teacher/Regular, Soldotna Elementary School; Glendon Fraser, Teacher/Regular, Nanwalek School; Catrin McKinley, Teacher/Regular, Sterling Elementary; Krista Parrett, Teacher/Regular, Nikolaevsk School; and Kara Schreur, Teacher/Regular, Nanwalek School.

2013-14 TENTATIVE TENURE TEACHER CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a 2013-14 Tentative Tenure Teacher Contract for Robert Bird, Teacher/Regular (.40 FTE), Nikiski Middle/High School.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/CERTIFIED: The Board unanimously approved a Leave of Absence Request/Certified for Sheryl Sotelo, 6th Grade Teacher, McNeil Canyon Elementary School.

FY13 BUDGET REVISION: The Board unanimously approved an FY13 Budget Revision in the amount of \$1,069,348, bringing the FY13 General Fund expenditure budget to a total of \$145,975,916.

POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved an amended motion to revise AR 0420 School Based Management/Site Councils.

KPSAA RECOMMENDED STUDENT HANDBOOK REVISIONS: The Board approved proposed changes to the 2013-2014 Kenai Peninsula School Activities Handbooks (KPSAA) which include revised language for high school borough tournaments for track & field, cross-country running and Nordic skiing; TAD policy and proximity violations; eligibility language, concussions, home school legislation and Alaska School Activities Association participation; student eligibility; and middle school track season calendar, "B" teams, 6th grade student participation, and wrestling weigh-in.

SOLDOTNA AREA SCHOOLS CONFIGURATION GRADES 7-9: The Board unanimously approved that Soldotna area 9th grade students be housed at the existing Soldotna Middle School and the Soldotna area 7-8th grade students be housed at the existing Skyview High School and River City Academy be moved to the existing Soldotna Middle School, effective August, 2014.

STUDENT EARLY RELEASE/LATE START: The Board approved an amended motion to provide for schools having a late start or early release one day per month in September, October, January, February, March and April.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of proposed revisions to BP 3515 School Safety and Security.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, July 1, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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